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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. One

Part B for Jan 1950

SUBJECT

Inauguration of the Indian Republic
Programme of celebrations on 26th
& 27th January 1950.

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To

The Deputy Commr
The Barrackpore Dist (Urban)
(Rural)
The D. I. G. Barrackpore.

Serial No.

Copy of letter dated the 14th December 1949, addressed to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore by the Ministry of States, New Delhi, regarding the Programme and Procedure for Celebrating the 26th January 1950 --

1) The first question for consideration is the question of the Flag to be used for the occasion. The Specimen promised has not yet been received. It is not known if it has been sent to His Highness direct. If approved the Ministry of States will be requested to forward the same to this Office urgently. At the same time the Ministry of States may also be requested to clarify whether the Mysore Coat of Arms and Gandabherunda Flag may continue to be used in the State as before.

CHIEF SECRETARY 5815 20 DEC 1949 GOVT OF MYSORE

2) Draft letter put for approval.

3) Action on the other points will be taken after the issue of this letter.

chief Secy)

4) amR 20/12/49

20.12.49

5) The draft may issue.

6) A Committee comprising of the following may be immediately constituted to go into all these points & to prepare a draft programme urgently :-

1) Ch. Secy
2) Pte. Secy to H.H.
3) Rev Comr.
4) Comm. B.C. Canara
5) D.I. Mysore.
6) M. Comm. Mysore City
7) Principal Informn Offr.

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WD 4509—GBPM—1,000—28-10-40.

Arrangements for the celebration of new constitution day.
on January 26th 1950.

File No. of 195 266/2 CB General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial

8) After checking out the prof. ... Chief Engr. ... the following officers ... the Committee for ... duties ... their ... Corp. ... by ... C.C. ... Sub Area ... Chief Engr.

9) The Committee has to meet ... Wednesday, ... 26th ... morning ... by the 27th

Chief Engr. 20/12

amk 20/12/49

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER 5084 21 DEC 1949 OF MYSORE

10) Yes 21/12

11) Please issue letters today fixing up meeting at 8.30 am on 24.12.49. Issue drafts in file 21/12

amk 21/12/49

Letter No 6486-91/CB

To the Private Secy to H.H., Revenue, ... Comr. Bangalore City Corporation ... District Magistrate Mysore Municipal Comr; Mysore city, The Principal

Celebrations of 26th January 1949
New Constitution Day.

General and Revenue Secretariat | File No. of 195 2662/CB | [App. F. III—2

Serial No.

Information Officer's Letter No 6492/CB. dtd 21-12-49 & Sri V. M. Bench joint secretary Govt of India calling for certain details vide 6493/CB. to the P.S to H.H forwarding a copy of the above.

12) Resubmitted with a draft note of points in connection with the meeting called for tomorrow, the 24th Dec. 1949.

13) Another file relating to the Oath-taking ceremony, if any, to be held has been put up to the Chief Minister after issuing the approved draft to the Ministry of States.

Chief Secy) 14) Dismk 23/12/49

23.12.49.

Submitted

15) Draft proceedings of the meeting held today, and a draft telegram put up for Consideration.

24.12.49.

Recd. back with instructions.

23/12/49

CHIEF SECRETARY 6025 2 JUL 1951 GOVT. OF MYSORE

26th January 1950 — Programme of Celebrations.

File No. of 195 . | General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

Submitted

16) Two fair Copies of the Proceedings as Corrected are put up.

17) Draft telegram revised as Corrected and as instructed is also put up. It is for orders whether it may be issued. | S

18) Notes of points for discussion a) at Delhi, b) with the Palace authorities are placed below. | T - U.

19) Other drafts arising out of the proceedings will be submitted for approval separately.

20) The names of representatives of the Mysore Congress and other political organizations who should be invited the proposed meeting at Mysore on the 4th Jan. remain to be decided.

25.12.49

21) Discussion with Chief Minister today.

22) Telegram to Sri. Bajpai to go as ordered.

23) Action regarding the cut to be taken as directed is noted today by me.

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Issued telegram of 25.12.49 To Statesind, New Delhi

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24) A Copy of extracts to Edn. Secy is put up for approval.

25) Also three drafts arising out of the proceedings, as instructed.

Chief Secy)

27.12.49.

26) Done 27.12.49

27) Done 27/12-- 27.12.49

Issued Nos 6843-68/CB ~~to the~~ on 28.12.49

1) to H.H. the Maharaja

2) the Revenue Commissioner

the Commissioner's bungalow at Corporation

3) Deputy Commissioner & ex-officio District Magistrate Mysore

4) Municipal Commissioner, Mysore city

5) The principal Information officer.

Copy to Registrar G.R.S.

Issued Nos 6887-6920/CB on 29.12.49

(5 " 1) All District Magistrates (except Mysore)

2) presidents of all Municipalities in District Hqrs and Mayor Bangalore city-Corporation

3) presidents of all District Boards.

4) Vice chancellor, university of Mysore

5) Director of public Instructions

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inguration of the Indian Republic on 26.1.50 —

File No. Programme of Celebrations of 195 . | General and Revenue Secretariat

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Serial No.

Issued 6851 to 6857/CB on 28/12/49 to

1) The Honble Secretary to H.H the Rajpramukh
2) The D.G. of police.
3) The Chief Commander Army Maratha Area Poona
4) Officer commanding Kolar Gold Fields Area
5) Air officer Commanding H.A.F.
6) Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore
7) The General Secretary Mysore State Congress.

6858/CB Copy to Registry

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Submitted

28) A draft agenda for the meeting on the 4th Jan. 1950 at Mysore is put up for consideration.

Chief Secy) 31.12.49.

DSMR 31/12/49

31/12

An addenda, due to a mistake in company of the draft proceeding, which is very much regretted, is put up as instructed

CKP 31/12/49

Issue DSMR 31/12/49

31.12.49

Issued letter Nos 6966-6971/CB dated 31-12-49

to 1) The Revenue Commissioner
2) The Private Secretary to H.H
3) The Principal Information Officer
4) D.C. Mysore
5) The Commissioner Bangalore City Corporation
6) The Commissioner City Municipal Council Mysore

CHIEF SECY. 6283 31 DEC 1949 GOVT. OF MYSORE

Inauguration of the Indian Republic on 26-1-1950

General and Revenue Secretariat

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WD 06035—GPB—1,000—20-6-49

Serial No.

I am directed to forward herewith the report of the Committee appointed by Government to suggest the procedure and programme for the 26th January 1950 when the new Constitution comes into force as placed below.

1. The Chief Secretary to Govt. (CHAIRMAN)
2. The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
3. The Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Mysore
4. The Private Secretary to His Highness
5. The Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation
6. The Municipal Commissioner, Mysore
7. The Principal Information Officer.

The Committee met on the 24th December 1949 at Bangalore and twice on the 4th January 1950 at Mysore and again on 5th January 1950 at Bangalore. In addition to the members of the Committee noted in the margin, the following officers were present at the several meetings held by special invitation:

4.1.1950 Morning.

1. The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops,
2. The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
3. The Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore,
4. Col. Lamba representing the Bangalore Sub-Area.

The General Secretary of the Mysore State Congress was also invited to be present, but he was unable to attend the meeting. The Commissioner, Bangalore Corporation was also unable to attend the meeting on 4.1.1950 at Mysore.

For the meeting in the afternoon of 4.1.1950, the President of the City Congress Committee and the Secretary were unable to come. The Vice-President, Sri B. Narayanaswami was present on special invitation.

For the meeting at Bangalore on 5.1.1950, the following were present on invitation:

1. Mayor, Bangalore Corporation
2. President, City Congress Committee
3. Secretary, City Congress Committee
4. Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist.(Urban)
5. Sri C.B. Shankara Iyer for Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District (Rural)
6. Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Bangalore City
7. Brigadier Ponnappa
8. Col. Lamba for Sub Area.

Since the proceedings were drawn up, the Private

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Inauguration of the Indian Republic Jan 1950

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Serial No.

Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja has intimated that it would be more suitable to fix the starting of the procession on the afternoon of the 26th January 1950 at 4.00 P.M., instead of at 3.15 P.M., suggested by the Committee and that in order to keep up the timings, the route of the procession may be as follows:

From the Palace to Government House via Statue Square along Asoka Road, turn right to Dawood Khan Street and enter Government House by North Gate.

It is requested that, subject to these two alterations, the recommendations of the Committee be adopted and that suitable instructions may be issued to all Heads of Departments, Deputy Commissioners etc, concerned to carry out the programme in a fitting and worthy manner.

CHAIRMAN. 5.1.50.

on 5.1.50.

Discussed with the Minister for Finance and Industries in the absence of the Chief Minister and approved, subject to the following remarks:-

1. The peasantry should be represented by the actual tiller of the soil;
2. Arrangements may be made for illumination of Old Public Offices, Mayo Hall and Municipal Offices;
3. The Mysore Bank and the Chamber of Commerce may be requested to arrange for illumination of their buildings; and
4. Poor feeding, distribution of sweets, etc, may be made optional.

Further action may be taken accordingly.

6.1.1950 — Chief Secretary. 6-1-50.

6.1.50.

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WD 06071—GPB—25,000—20-6-49

Serial No.

Issue appl.

Chief (Min.) 7.1.50.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE & INDUSTRIES
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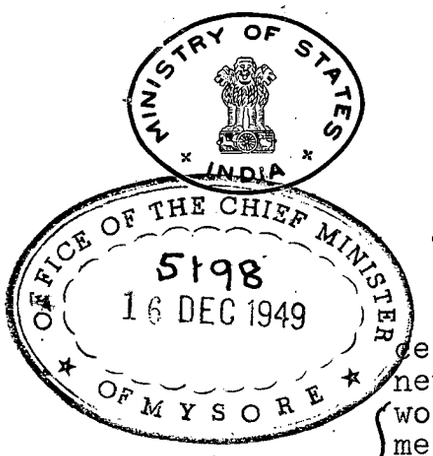


New Delhi,
December 13, 1949.
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My Dear Reddy,

The question of the programme and procedure for celebrating the 26th of January 1950, the day on which the new Constitution of India comes into force, in a manner worthy of the occasion, has been considered by the Government of India. A Committee was appointed by the Government of India to consider this subject, and I enclose for your information a copy of the report of the Committee as finally approved by the Government of India. I am now writing to suggest that appropriate action may kindly be taken on these lines. I need hardly add that the report attached is intended to serve as a general guide: variations will admittedly be necessary to suit local conditions.

2. It is suggested that a Committee should be appointed in each Union to draw up a programme on the lines we are following in Delhi. The Committee might appropriately be presided over by the Chief Minister of the State, and have as its members the Chief Secretary and the Secretary to His Highness.

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Programmes for the day that are being drawn up have to be finalised very early. It would be better to enlist the cooperation of the Mayor/Bhre Corporation, President Mysore City municipality also the President of the Mysore Congress also has to be consulted as also other important political organisations

3. In this connection the question of the flag of the Raj Pramukhs and Rulers assumes dome importance, as these flags will have to be prepared and used in the celebrations. The Government of India have considered the question of the Flags very carefully, and decided that the flags for the Governors of the States mentioned in Part A of the First Schedule, as well as Raj Pramukhs of the States mentioned in Part B of the First Schedule to the new Constitution should follow the same pattern. The pattern decided upon for this purpose is simple. It will show a National Crest only against plane saffron background with the name of the State in Nagari script below it. I shall send you in a day or two specimens indicating how the flag will be prepared.

4. This letter inevitably covers only major points connected with the celebrations. Details will have to be worked out in the respective States and it is for this purpose that I have suggested the formation of a Committee.

5. I am also addressing His Highness the Maharaja in similar terms.

Yours sincerely,

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Shri K.C.Reddy,
Chief Minister,
Mysore.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CABINET TO SUGGEST THE PROCEDURE AND PROGRAMME FOR THE 26TH JANUARY, 1950 WHEN THE NEW CONSTITUTION COMES INTO FORCE.

The Committee met on the 29th November and 2nd December, 1949, and agreed to submit the following report to the Cabinet:

A. BADGES, MARKS ETC

1. The Committee first considered the question regarding flags and badges, which was referred to them by the Prime Minister.

(i) The Committee decided to recommend the design suggested by the Director-General of Archaeology for the Provincial Governors' flags. It is simple and shows our Crest only against a plain saffron background, with the name of the Province or State in Nagari script below it.

(ii) For the President's flag, a design in red and blue with the Asoka Capital, a pair of scales, a picture of an elephant from the Ajanta frescoes and a lotus bowl from Sarnath - each in a quarter of the oblong flag was presented by the D.G.A. As in the Royal standard of England, there will be no inscription on the flag. The resemblance of the proposed Presidential flag to the Royal Standard is not deliberate but accidental. The four figures on the design are symbolic of epochs in India's past as well as emblems of some aspect or phase of Indian history, economy or religion. The combination is thus both artistic and significant.

A note on the flags by D.G.A. is attached.

(iii) As regards the President's seal, the Committee understand that the Governor General has suggested a design which will be considered by the Cabinet, and, therefore, make no recommendation.

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(iv) Badges for the officer staff of the Government House would be as at present with the Asoka Capital replacing the Crown. For Class IV servants, we recommend the Asoka Capital, embroidered on the breast-panel of the uniform. Whether this should in anyway be combined with a monogramme, as at present, we are not sure. Such an arrangement involves a change of design and of new expenditure with every change in the incumbent of the office of President, and we do not consider this to be essential.

(v) The Committee understand that new badges for the Defence Services have already been approved by the Cabinet and are being made. The Committee recommend that every effort should be made so that troops who take part in the official celebrations on the 26th January should wear the new badges; their adoption by all the forces of India must inevitably take longer because of the time needed for their manufacture.

(vi) The Committee recommend that new badges should also be designed for the POLICE. Designs are being considered by the Home Ministry and will be submitted separately to the Cabinet.

The Committee further recommend that the CROWN which now figures prominently on or in buildings, articles of furniture etc., at places which would be immediately connected with the celebrations on the 26th January should be draped or otherwise covered so as not to be visible. (This is proposed because the complete removal of this figure is sure to take some time). In particular, the Crown over the canopy in the Durbar Hall should, if possible, be removed or effaced - the P.W.D. representatives said that it should be possible - while the Crown on the THRONE should be covered by a black or dark blue velvet cap

embroidered with the ASOKA CAPITAL. The second suggestion is made because it is feared that a more permanent change in this emblem in the time available may be not feasible without disfiguring what is an article of furniture, specially designed.

B. CEREMONIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 26TH JANUARY 1950.

The Committee has endeavoured to reconcile the need for dignity and popular appeal, on an occasion unique even in the annals of this ancient land, with the limitations imposed by the need for economy. Had the financial situation permitted of it, we should have framed our proposals with greater regard to the love of pageantry among common folk everywhere in the world./ We should also have suggested that, apart from providing pleasure for the eye, an attempt should be made to supply meals to the needy. We have, however, refrained from doing so owing to the need to keep expenditure down to the minimum. The Committee's recommendations, which are of the simplest consistent with the historic character of the occasion, are:

(i) In the morning, about 9-30 A.M. or 10 A.M. the President take the Oath of Office in Government House. The venue for this ceremony should be the DURBAR HALL. The Committee understand that there are certain archaeological exhibits in this hall. Some of these may have to be removed, but it should be possible to dispose of the others so as to improve the appearance of the hall for the ceremony.

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(ii) Immediately after he has been sworn in, a salute of 31 guns will be fired and the Presidential flag unfurled. The President will administer the Oath to the Members of the Cabinet after the firing of the salute.

(Normally in other countries, the Head of the State receives a salute of 21 guns; but in India a higher salute has to be fixed as some of the Princes are entitled to salutes of 21 guns. The figure of 31 guns is proposed for the Presidential salute as this was previously fixed for Viceroys, and is familiar to the people).

+The question as to who should be invited to this function will have to be decided. We have suggested an agency for dealing with invitations in Part E infra. Heads of Missions of foreign countries resident in Delhi should be invited. The number of invitees is limited by the capacity of the hall to about 600.

(iii) After the swearing in ceremony hot coffee or tea be served to the guests, who should, if convenient to the President, be presented to him as they walk past him in single file, either through the ball-room or the long drawing room, to the banqueting hall.

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C. STATE DRIVE, FLAG HOISTING, PARADE, ETC.

In order to associate the public as far as possible with the celebrations, the Committee recommend that there be a Presidential procession in the afternoon, ending in a hoisting of the national flag and a Parade of detachments drawn from all arms of the defence forces. The afternoon is suggested so that the invitees for the morning function at the Government House may have time to attend this public function as well. For this function, the President will drive in State from Government House to the IRWIN STADIUM, escorted by his Body Guard. Detachments from the Armed Forces will be drawn up inside th stadium. The Committee consider that the ceremony should be held inside the Stadium as this will make for greater orderliness. A similar function during the Independence Day celebrations in 1947 was marred by the crowds breaking through the police cordon and swamping not only the seats reserved for specially invited guests but the troops on parade. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Cabinet Ministers, and other invited guests will be accommodated in seats. Considering the character of the new Constitution it seems appropriate that, apart from Heads of Missions, Ministers and officials, the people as such should have a place among the invited. For this purpose, organisations of Labour, the peasantry and Harijans should be asked to send representatives for whom seats will also be provided. The general throng will have to have a view of the ceremony, standing.

On arrival at the Stadium, the President will be received by the P.M., the Dy. P.M., the Defence Minister and the Services Chiefs of Staff. He will then be led to the flagstaff where he will unfurl the national flag. Massed bands will play the national anthem. The President

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will then take the salute from the Armed Forces. After the march past, the President will be led back to the entrance to the Stadium from where he will drive back to Government House. The route from Government House to the Stadium will be lined by troops.

Other details with regard to the State Drive will be settled between Government House, Home and Defence Ministries.

D. STATE BANQUET

At night the President will give a BANQUET to which all Heads of Diplomatic Missions, Cabinet Ministers and senior officials will be invited.

E. RECEPTION.

On the 15th August, 1947, the Banquet was followed by a Receiption in the MOGHAL GARDENS of Government House. In view of the weather in January this will be impossible. The Committee suggest that the President should give a Reception in the Gardens on the afternoon of the 27th January to which as large number of persons as possible should be invited.

Invitations for the Swearing in Ceremony, the Flag-Hoisting and the Parade in the Irwin Stadium, the State Banquet and for the Receiption in the Moghal Gardens on the 27th January should be issued by a small committee composed of the Military Secretary to the Governor-General and of representatives of the Home, External Affairs, States and Defence Ministries. The Committee will need instructions from the Cabinet as to whether all-India or local organisations of Labour etc. should be invited. States Secretary has suggested that a number of Rulers, other than Rajapramukhs and Uparajapramukhs, who will be participating in the ceremonies in their respective jurisdictions, should be invited to attend the celebrations in Delhi.

F. HOLIDAYS, ETC. The Committee recommend that the 26th and 27th January be declared public holidays.

The Committee strongly recommend illuminations in the evening of the 26th.

This is associated in the Public mind with important celebrations and it would be ungracious to omit them on this most historic occasion.

G. DRESS. The Committee considered whether a uniform ceremonial national dress should be prescribed for those specially invited to the four ceremonial functions proposed but came to the conclusion that, however desirable this might be, it would be difficult to enforce the wearing of one. They can only express the hope that persons attending the functions will wear dress appropriate to the dignity of the occasion.

H. ARRANGEMENTS IN PROVINCES AND STATES UNIONS OR STATES. The Committee did not go into the details of arrangements for ceremonial in Provinces etc. On the Assumption that, mutatis mutandis, the appropriate recommendations, approved by the Cabinet for the Centre, will also be followed in these areas, it is suggested that, so far as the cooperation of the military authorities is concerned, each Government concerned should seek the assistance of the principal military authority in its area. The Defence Ministry will issue appropriate instructions to the Military authorities concerned.

Sd/- G.S. BAJPAI.
2.12.1949.
Sd/- V.P. Menon.
Sd/- H.V.R. Iengar.
Sd/- M.P. Pai.
Sd/- H.M.Patel.

'M.L.Yuhanna'

A note by the Director-General of Archaeology in India on the flags of the Governors and the Raj Pramukhs and the Hon'ble the President of the Indian Republic.

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The Special Committee Meeting of Secretaries which met in the room of the Secretary-General, External Affairs, recommended the adoption of the flag for the Governors and Raj Pramukhs the one prepared by Mr. Shushil Sarkar of the Publication Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. At present the Provincial flags consist of a crown on yellow ground. This crown has been replaced by the National crest without the motto but with the name of the Province or State Union below it.

The President's flag - the design submitted by Dr. N.P.Chakravarti, Director-General of Archaeology was recommended with slight modifications. This design consists of 4 emblems on blue and vermilion background drawn in lines in gold.

(1) The place of honour at the top left hand corner has been given to the National crest, the Lion capital from Sarnath, without the motto and would represent unity, equality and fraternity among all citizens in the Republic of India. Asoka himself strove for the attainment of these ideals and the inscription on the original pillar actually contains an exhortation against schism in the church.

The other three emblems also have been selected from among the well-known examples of ancient Indian art and each has in addition a traditional bearing.

(2) The elephant has been taken from Cave No.1 at Ajanta (5th century A.D.). According to Indian literature and tradition this animal is an embodiment of patience and strength.

(3) The vase with the lotus plant bearing flowers and buds (Purnaghata) has been taken from a railing post found at Sarnath dating from the 1st century B.C. The Purnaghata, according to Indian tradition, represents peace and plenty.

(4) The scales of justice have been adapted from those found on the southern wall of Khwabgah in the Delhi Fort (17th century) situated to the south of the Diwan-i-khas and painted above the arched door carved with marble screens.

The emblems would thus stand for all that is laid down in the Constitution and also such qualities as any great nation must possess and be proud of. It was also suggested that the President's flag, like the Royal Standard, should not have any inscription at all.

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**Ministry of States**

New Delhi,
The December 14, 1949

Your Highness:

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Yours sincerely,

Sd/ N.M.Buch

His Highness Maharaja of Mysore.

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded for information to:

Shri K.Srinivasan,
Chief Secretary,
Mysore, Bangalore.

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Regret put up today

C Ganesan

(C.Ganesan)
Deputy Secretary to Govt. of India,
Ministry of States.

17.12.49

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B. CEREMONIAL

PROGRAMME FOR THE 26TH JANUARY 1950.

The Committee has endeavoured to reconcile the need for dignity and popular appeal, on an occasion unique even in the annals of this ancient land, with the limitations imposed by the need for economy. Had the financial situation permitted of it, we should have framed our proposals with greater regard to the love of pageantry among common folk everywhere in the world. We should also have suggested that, apart from providing pleasure for the eye, an attempt should be made to supply meals to the needy. We have, however, refrained from doing so owing to the need to keep expenditure down to the minimum. The Committee's recommendations, which are of the simplest consistent with the historic character of the occasion, are:

(i) In the morning, about 9-30 A.M. or 10 A.M. the President takes the Oath of Office in Government House. The venue for this ceremony should be the DURBAR HALL. The Committee understand that there are certain archaeological exhibits in this hall. Some of these may have to be removed, but it should be possible to dispose of the others so as to improve the appearance of the hall for the ceremony.

Form of Oath? Who is to administer. Palace, Mysore?

(ii) Immediately after he has been sworn, in, a salute of 31 guns will be fired and the Presidential flag unfurled. The President will administer the Oath to the Members of the Cabinet after the firing of the salute.

(Normally in other countries, the Head of the State receives a salute of 21 guns; but in India a higher salute has to be fixed as some of the Princes are entitled to salutes of 21 guns. The figure of 31 guns is proposed for the Presidential salute as this was previously fixed for Viceroys, and is familiar to the people).

+The question as to who should be invited to this function will have to be decided. We have suggested an agency for dealing with invitations in Part E infra. Heads of Missions of foreign countries resident in Delhi should be invited. The number of invitees is limited by the capacity of the hall to about 600.

(iii) After the swearing in ceremony hot coffee or tea be served to the guests, who should, if convenient to the President, be presented to him as they walk past him in single file, either through the ball-room or the long drawing room, to the banqueting hall.

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C. STATE DRIVE, FLAG HOISTING, PARADE, ETC.

In order to associate the public as far as possible with the celebrations, the Committee recommend that there be a Presidential procession in the afternoon, ending in a hoisting of the national flag and a Parade of detachments drawn from all arms of the defence forces. The afternoon is suggested so that the invitees for the morning function at the Government House may have time to attend this public function as well. For this function, the President will drive in State from Government House to the IRWIN STADIUM, escorted by his Body Guard. Detachments from the Armed Forces will be drawn up inside the stadium. The Committee consider that the ceremony should be held inside the Stadium as this will make for greater orderliness. A similar function during the Independence Day celebrations in 1947 was marred by the crowds breaking through the police cordon and swamping not only the seats reserved for specially invited guests but the troops on parade. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Cabinet Ministers, and other invited guests will be accommodated in seats. Considering the character of the new Constitution it seems appropriate that, apart from Heads of Missions, Ministers and officials, the people as such should have a place among the invited. For this purpose, organisations of Labour, the peasantry and Harijans should be asked to send representatives for whom seats will also be provided. The general throng will have to have a view of the ceremony standing.

On arrival at the Stadium, the President will be received by the P.M., the Dy. P.M., the Defence Minister and the Services Chiefs of Staff. He will then be led to the flagstaff where he will unfurl the national flag. Massed bands will play the national anthem. The President

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will then take the salute from the Armed Forces. After the march past, the President will be led back to the entrance to the Stadium from where he will drive back to Government House. The route from Government House to the Stadium will be lined by troops.

Other details with regard to the State Drive will be settled between Government House, Home and Defence Ministries.

D. STATE BANQUET

At night the President will give a BANQUET to which all Heads of Diplomatic Missions, Cabinet Ministers and senior officials will be invited.

E. RECEPTION.

On the 15th August, 1947, the Banquet was followed by a Receiption in the MOGHAL GARDENS of Government House. In view of the weather in January this will be impossible. The Committee suggest that the President should give a Receiption in the Gardens on the afternoon of the 27th January to which as large number of persons as possible should be invited.

Invitations for the 1) Swearing in Ceremony, the 2) Flag-Hoisting and 3) the Parade in the Irwin Stadium, the 4) State Banquet and for the 5) Receiption in the Moghal Gardens on the 27th January should be issued by a small committee composed of the Military Secretary to the Governor-General and of representatives of the Home, External Affairs, States and Defence Ministries. The Committee will need instructions from the Cabinet as to whether all-India or local organisations of Labour etc. should be invited. States Secretary has suggested that a number of Rulers, other than Rajapramukhs and Uparajapramukhs, who will be participating in the ceremonies in their respective jurisdictions, should be invited to attend the celebrations in Delhi.

Chf Secy. DJ.
PS. to H.M. P.I.O.
Home Secy. Brig. Sub Area
I.G.P. O.C., R.I.A.F.
C.C.

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F. HOLIDAYS, ETC. The Committee recommend that the 26th and 27th January be declared public holidays.

The Committee strongly recommend illuminations in the evening of the 26th.

This is associated in the Public mind with important celebrations and it would be ungracious to omit them on this most historic occasion.

G. DRESS. The Committee considered whether a uniform ceremonial national dress should be prescribed for those specially invited to the four ceremonial functions proposed but came to the conclusion that, however desirable this might be, it would be difficult to enforce the wearing of one. They can only express the hope that persons attending the functions will wear dress appropriate to the dignity of the occasion.

H. ARRANGEMENTS IN PROVINCES AND STATES UNIONS OR STATES. The Committee did not go into the details of arrangements for ceremonial in Provinces etc. On the Assumption that, mutatis mutandis, the appropriate recommendations, approved by the Cabinet for the Centre, will also be followed in these areas, it is suggested that, so far as the cooperation of the military authorities is concerned, each Government concerned should seek the assistance of the principal military authority in its area. The Defence Ministry will issue appropriate instructions to the Military authorities concerned.

Sd/- G.S. BAJPAI.
2.12.1949.
Sd/- V.P. Menon.
Sd/- H.V.R. Iengar.
Sd/- M.P. Pai
Sd/- H.M.Patel.

Prog for 1. Mysore
2. Bangalore
3. All other Dts.
KGF

'M.L.Yuhanna'

A note by the Director-General of Archaeology in India on the flags of the Governors and the Raj Pramukhs and the Hon'ble the President of the Indian Republic.

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The Special Committee Meeting of Secretaries which met in the room of the Secretary-General, External Affairs, recommended the adoption of the flag for the Governors and Raj Pramukhs the one prepared by Mr. Shushil Sarkar of the Publication Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. At present the Provincial flags consist of a crown on yellow ground. This crown has been replaced by the National crest without the motto but with the name of the Province or State Union below it.

The President's flag - the design submitted by Dr. N.P.Chakravarti, Director-General of Archaeology was recommended with slight modifications. This design consists of 4 emblems on blue and vermilion background drawn in lines in gold.

(1) The place of honour at the top left hand corner has been given to the National crest, the Lion capital from Sarnath, without the motto and would represent unity, equality and fraternity among all citizens in the Republic of India. Asoka himself strove for the attainment of these ideals and the inscription on the original pillar actually contains an exhortation against schism in the church

The other three emblems also have been selected from among the well-known examples of ancient Indian art and each has in addition a traditional bearing.

(2) The elephant has been taken from Cave No.1 at Ajanta (5th century A.D.). According to Indian literature and tradition this animal is an embodiment of patience and strength.

(3) The vase with the lotus plant bearing flowers and buds (Purnaghata) has been taken from a railing post found at Sarnath dating from the 1st century B.C. The Purnaghata, according to Indian tradition, represents peace and plenty.

(4) The scales of justice have been adapted from those found on the southern wall of Khwabgah in the Delhi Fort (17th century) situated to the south of the Diwan-i-khas and painted above the arched door carved with marble screens.

The emblems would thus stand for all that is laid down in the Constitution and also such qualities as any great nation must possess and be proud of. It was also suggested that the President's flag, like the Royal Standard, should not have any inscription at all.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 6486-91/CB

General and Revenue Secretariat,

*Dated Bangalore,* 21st December *194*9

IMMEDIATE

FROM

*The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

To 1. The Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja
2. The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore
3. The Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation
4. The District Magistrate, Mysore
5. The Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City
6. The Principal Information Officer in Mysore.

SIR,

I am directed to state that in connection with the Programme and Procedure for celebrating the 26th January 1950, it is proposed to form a Committee comprising of the marginally noted officers to go into all the points connected with the celebrations and to prepare a draft programme urgently, and that the first meeting of the Committee will be held at 8-30 A.M. in my Chambers at the Old Public Offices on the 24th December 1949, and to request you kindly to be present.

1) Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore;
2) Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja;
3) Revenue Commissioner in Mysore;
4) Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation;
5) District Magistrate, Mysore;
6) Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City;
7) Principal Information Officer in Mysore.

The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary to Government.

K. SRINIVASAN, B.Sc.,
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

*Bangalore,*

6492/CS.

31st December 1949.

Dear Sri Buch,

With reference to your letter dated the 14th December 1949, addressed to His Highness the Maharaja regarding the Programme and Procedure for celebrating the 26th January 1950, I am desired to request you kindly to clarify whether the Mysore Coat of Arms and the Gandabherunda Flag which have been in use in the State may continue to be used on the 26th January 1950, and thereafter, in addition to the State Flag as suggested for the Celebrations on the 26th January 1950. The Coat of Arms and the Motto of the Royal House of Mysore, together with the insignia of Gandabherunda can possibly continue as personal to the Ruling House, while the flag as now suggested in Para 3 of your letter would have to be in use as that of the Rajpramukh on and after 26th January 1950. It may be clearly mentioned also whether the Rajpramukh's flag will also be the State Flag on and after 26th January 1950, displacing the present State Flag (which is the Mysore Coat of Arms against a red background).

I am to request an immediate reply on this point. Information is also needed as to whether the required number of flags would be supplied by you or only samples would be sent.

Action is being taken on the other points connected with the Celebrations on the lines indicated in your letter.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- K. SRINIVASAN.

Sri N.M. Buch,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States, NEW DELHI.
Memo No. 6493/CS.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Mysore.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

D.O./Draft 6492/CB. 22/12/49

(Dear Sri Buch) -

With reference to your letter dated the 14th December 1949 addressed to His Highness the Maharaja regarding the Programme and Procedure for celebrating the 26th January 1950, I am desired to request you kindly to clarify whether the Mysore Coat of Arms and the Gandabherunda Flag which have been in use in the State may continue to be used on the 26th January 1950, and thereafter, in addition to the ~~Flag of the Republic of India~~ State Flag, as suggested, for the Celebrations on the 26th Jan. 1950.

I am to request an immediate reply on this point. Information is also needed as to whether the Regd. no. of flags would be supplied by you, or only sample would be sent.

Action is being taken on the other points connected with the Celebrations on the lines indicated in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

Sri N.M. Buch,
Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of India
Ministry of States,
NEW DELHI.

The Mysore Coat of Arms & the Motto of the Royal House of Mysore, together with the insignia of Gandabherunda can possibly continue as personal to the Ruling House, while the State flag as mentioned in para 3 of your letter referred to, would have to be in use as that of the Rajapramukh of the State on and after 26.1.1950. If may be clearly mentioned also whether the Rajapramukh's flag will also be the State flag on and after 26.1.50, displacing the present State flag (which is the Mysore Coat of Arms against a red background).

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Memo No 6493/CS

Copy to P.S. to H.H.

Secret

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION

No. 692/D.I.

Encl:

Office of the
Principal Information Officer,
Public Offices,
Bangalore, dated, 22nd December 1949

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore

Sir,

I write to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter No. 6491/C.B. dated the 21st December 1949 and to say that I shall be present at the first Meeting of the Committee to be held in your Chambers on the 24th of December 1949.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Information Officer.

CHIEF SECRETARY 58 22 DEC 1949 GOVT. OF MYSORE

Proceedings of the meeting held in the Chambers of the Chief Secretary to Govt., Old Public Offices on the 24th December 49 at 8.30 A.M., to discuss the question of the programme and procedure for celebrating the 26th January 1950.

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Present:-

1. Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
2. Chief Secretary to Government.
3. Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate Mysore District.
4. Private Secretary to H.H.
5. Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation.
6. Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City.
7. Principal Information Officer.

(1) Letter dated 13/14th December 1949, from the Ministry of States, was read.

It was explained that certain points arising out of the letter, more especially those relating to the flags to be used for the occasion, the procedure to be followed, if any, for the oath of offic to be taken by the Rajpramukh etc., had already been referred for clarification to the States Ministry and that their reply was awaited.

Education Secretary. (2) It was agreed that the 26th and 27th Januar 1950, should be declared as Public Holidays throughout the State.

do (3) It was suggested that National Flags should be hoisted on all important Public Buildings at Mysore and Bangalore and at other District and Taluk Head-quarters, and that the public should be advised to do likewise on private houses, shops, etc.

Chief Electrical Engineer. (4) It was agreed that there should be illumina- tions on the evenings of the 26th and 27th January 50 and that appropriate action may be taken in this behalf in consultation with the Chief Electrical

Engineer in regard to:

(a) Illumination of the Palace;
(b) Illumination of Brindavan Gardens;
(c) Flood-lighting important buildings in Bangalore and Mysore Cities; and
(d) Illumination at other places.

(5) The question of the programme to be followed on the 26th and 27th January was considered, and after discussion, it was decided that it would be appropriate to have the following programme at each of the places indicated:

Chief Secretary.
Pr. Secy. to H.H.
Huzur Secy.
Durbar Bakshi.
Dt. Magistrate, Mysore
I.G.P.
C.C.M.S.T.

26-1-1950: Morning:-

1. AT MYSORE: Durbar in the morning at 9 A.M. at the Palace for the Oath taking Ceremony and/ or the Swearing-in-Ceremony.

(a) Timings, programme and other details to be settled with the Palace Authorities;

(b) Form of invitation card to be settled after consulting States Ministry;

(c) Invitees List up to 1000 to be drawn up as comprehensively as possible and in addition to Ministers and Officials, as usual, representatives of Organisations of Labour, peasantry and Harijans to be asked - form of invitation to be finalised; Labour Commissioner to be asked to suggest representatives of labour from important Labour Organisations not exceeding 20.

Deputy Commissioners to send names of 10 representative peasants from each District.

L.S.G. Minister to suggest names of 15 Harijan representatives.

(d) Firing of a Salute of 21 guns;

(d) Coffee or tea not necessary

(f) Presentation to Rajpramukh of important invitees numbering about 50 if practicable.

(g) Regarding arrangements for accommodation for invitees during stay in Mysore, treating them as Government Guests, payment of T.A. and D.A., it was suggested that orders of the Chief Minister may be obtained.

Spl. Duty Officer to be appointed.

Pr. Secy. to H.H. 26-1-1950 - Afternoon:

(2) State Drive: (a) It was considered that the best place for holding the Parade, etc., was Government House, where all facilities are already available;

(b) The route of the Procession may be the same as that covered during the Birthday.

(c) Timings to be fixed in consultation with Palace.

(d) State Coach with postillion riders may be used;

do ? (3) Banquet to be held at LalithaMahal at 8.30 P.M.

(a) As accommodation is limited to 80, the number of invitees to be asked should be limited to the same number.

(4) Other items as in (3) to(6) of III below with such other additions and alterations to be settled by a Committee to be constituted for Mysore with:

Deputy Commissioner, Mysore.
President Mysore Municipality.
Commissioner, Mysore Municipality.
Congress Representatives etc.

do (5) It was suggested that a Garden Party might appropriately be held at the Bangalore Palace on the afternoon of the 27th January 1950.

II. AT BANGALORE: 26-1-1950.

G.C.Sub Area.
A.O.C.R.I.A.F.
C.C.M.S.T.
Dt. Magistrates B'lore.
Mayor - Commissioner.

(1) The Parade may be held on the morning of

the 26th January 1950 between 8 & 9 A.M., at the Stadium or the Race Course Grounds, the Seniormost Military Officer of the District Magistrate taking the Salute;

(2) The Unfurling of the National Flag by the Mayor would also take place at the same time.

Mayor & Commissioner.

(3) at 5 P.M., there will be a Public Meeting at the Town Hall.

(4) Other items as in (3) to 6) of III below and other additions to be settled by a Committee to be constituted for Bangalore District with Deputy Commissioner (Urban), Deputy Commissioner (Rural) Mayor of Corporation, Commissioner of Corporation. Congress Representatives etc.

III. AT OTHER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS:

(1) Parade or Procession with Flags, etc.

(2) Unfurling of Flag by the District Magistrates

Dist.Magistrates, Presidents of Municipalities. Dist. Bd. Presidents.

(3) Poojas, etc.

~~(4) Poor Feeding~~

(5) Distribution of sweets to School Children.

(6) Sports

(7) Public Meeting in the evening.

6. It is suggested that while the above covered the major points connected with the Celebrations and was only an outline of the official programme to be followed at Mysore and Bangalore Cities, Presidents of the Municipal Councils, the District Magistrates and the Educational authorities may be requested to draw up individual programmes on the same lines with variations to suit local conditions, and make their own special arrangements for illuminations, sports and amusements, distribution of sweets etc. in so far as they are concerned.

(7) It was also suggested that the public should be advised that, in addition to participating in the official programme there would be no objection to their having their own programme for celebrating the event in a worthy and appropriate manner.

(8) It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee should be held at Mysore on the 4th of January 1950 at 9 A.M., at which a detailed draft programme could be considered for Mysore and Bangalore Cities in consultation with the I.G. of Police, Chief Commandant, Officer Commanding, Bangalore Sub Area, Air Officer, Commanding RIAF and the Huzur Secretary to H.H. It was suggested that another meeting should be held in the afternoon with Non-official representatives, more particularly of the Mysore Congress and other important political organisations present in Mysore City for obtaining their views on the draft programme for the Mysore City and that the programme should be finalised after consulting Congress and other representatives at Bangalore on the 5th re: the Bangalore City Programme and should be submitted to the Chief Minister for final approval on the 6th January 1950.

Meanwhile, copies of these Proceedings may be sent for guidance and necessary action to:

1. Members of the Committee.
2. Huzur Secretary to H.H.
3. Durbar Bakshi.
4. All District Magistrates.
5. Presidents of all Municipalities in Dist. Hd. Quarters & Mayor, B'lore City Corporation.
6. Presidents of all District Boards.
7. Officers mentioned in para 8.
8. General Secretary, Mysore Congress.
9. Vice-Chancellor, Mysore University.
10. Director of Public Instruction.

Chief Secy. to Govt.

Circular letter, not sent.

25.12.49

_ Express Telegram

To

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New Delhi

National Flag.
State Flag.
H.H's flag.
R-P's flag.

From Srinivasan to Buch Stop Reference my letters Nos. 6492 dated 21st and 6519 dated 22nd December regarding programme and procedure for celebrating 26th January Stop Grateful for early reply Stop ~~Specimens~~ Please confirm Rajpramukh should administer Oath of Office to Members of Council of Ministers in Mysore on 26th Stop Specimens of flags not yet received Stop Please expedite Stop Are any arrangements in hand for supply from Centre of flags, badges for Troops and Police in Mysore State Stop Please also clarify One What colour is to be used for National Crest and name of State in Nagari in Rajpramukhs flag Two Confirm National Tri-colour flag only to be ~~used~~ used for un-furling ceremony on afternoon 26th, Three Whether Car and house flags for Rajpramukh should be ~~the~~ new Rajpramukh's ~~State~~ flag ~~referred to in your letter~~ Four In Mysore should only ~~the~~ Rajpramukh's ~~new State~~ flag be used over ~~the~~ Palace after 26th or existing Mysore flag could also be hoisted Five Grateful for ~~sample~~ sample form of invitation card to be issued by ~~Govt~~ Govt House, Delhi for Swearing in Ceremony to be held on twentysixth Six Could Mysore Anthem be used in addition to National Anthem or only latter

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25.12.49.

Copy to P.S. to H.H. with copy of letter

EXPRESS TELEGRAM

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NEW DELHI

FROM SRINIVASAN TO BUCH STOP REFERENCE MY LETTERS NUMBERS 6492 DATED 21ST AND 6519 DATED 22ND DECEMBER REGARDING PROGRAMME AND PROCEDURE FOR CELEBRATING 26TH JANUARY STOP GRATEFUL FOR EARLY REPLY STOP PLEASE CONFIRM RAJPRAMUKH SHOULD ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN MYSORE ON 26TH STOP SPECIMENS OF FLAGS NOT YET RECEIVED STOP PLEASE EXPEDITE STOP ARE ANY ARRANGEMENTS IN HAND FOR SUPPLY FROM CENTRE OF FLAGS BADGES FOR TROOPS AND POLICE IN MYSORE STATE STOP PLEASE ALSO CLARIFY ONE WHAT COLOUR IS TO BE USED FOR NATIONAL CREST AND NAME OF STATE IN NAGARI IN RAJPRAMUKHS FLAG TWO CONFIRM NATIONAL TRICOLOUR FLAG ONLY TO BE USED FOR UNFURLING CEREMONY ON 26TH AFTERNOON THREE WHETHER CAR AND HOUSE FLAGS FOR RAJPRAMUKH SHOULD BE NEW RAJAPRAMUKH'S FLAG FOUR IN MYSORE SHOULD ONLY RAJPRAMUKH'S FLAG BE USE OVER PALACE AFTER 26TH OR EXISTING MYSORE FLAG COULD ALS BE HOISTED FIVE GRATEFUL FOR SAMPLE FORM OF INVITATION CARD TO BE ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT HOUSE DELHI FOR SWEARING IN CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON TWENTYSIXTH SIX COULD MYSORE ANTHEM BE USED IN ADDITION TO NATIONAL ANTHEM OR ONLY LATTER.

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P.T.

Not to be telegraphed:

General & Revenue Secretariat,
Bangalore, Dated 25th Dec. 1949.

(Sd) K. SRINIVASAN,
Chief Secretary to Government
of Mysore.

O/C | Memo No. 6637/C.B. Dated 25.12.1949

Post copy, in confirmation, is forwarded with compliments, to the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of States, New Delhi.

(Sd) K. Srinivasan
Chief Secretary to Government.

Submitted,

The Commissioner of Bangalore corporation telephones to say that there is a market show fixed on the morning of the 24th Saturday & the Chief minister is presiding and that he will not be free till about 9.30 or 10 am. that day to attend the meeting fixed in the Chief Secretary's room at 8.30 am.-

There is again the M.C.S. meeting at 2 Pm. that day.

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IMMEDIATE

No. F.12(5)-J/49 Dated NewDelhi, the 24th December 1949.

From

The Under Secretary to the
Government of India, Ministry of States.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic-
Celebration on 26th and 27th January 1950.

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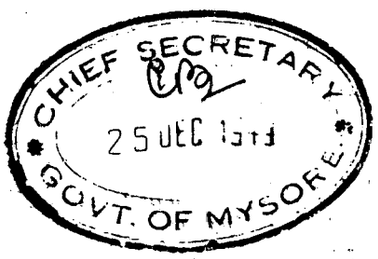
I am directed to enclose, for information a copy of letter No. 35/4/49-PUBLIC, dated the 17th December 1949, from the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs to all Provincial Governments etc. and to request that suitable arrangements may be made for the due celebration of the occasion.




Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary
to the Government of India.

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ANAND/-

NO.35/4/49-PUBLIC
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

From

Fateh Singh, Esquire,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments
Chief Commissioners.

New Delhi, (3) the 14th December, '49.

Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic Celebration on 26th and 27th January 1950.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India have decided to observe the following programme in connection with the Celebrations to be held in Delhi on the inauguration of the Indian Republic on the 26th January 1950. In drawing up this programme an endeavour has been made to reconcile the need for dignity and popular appeal, on an occasion unique in the annals of our country with the limitations imposed by the need for economy. The celebrations proposed are, therefore, of the simplest consistent with the historic character of the occasion:-

(i) 26th January:- (a) Swearing-in-Ceremony

The President will take the Oath of Office in Government House at about 9.30 or 10 a.m. in the presence of diplomatic representatives, members of the Constitutent Assembly and other specially invited guests. Immediately after the President has been sworn in, a salute of 31 guns will be fired and the President's Flag unfurled. The President will, thereafter, administer the Oath to Members of the Cabinet. The ceremony will end after the guests have been presented to the President and entertained to tea and coffee.

(b) State Drive, Flag Hoisting, Parade etc:-

In order to associate the Public as far as possible with the/.....

with the celebrations there will be a Presidential procession in the afternoon ending in hoisting of the National Flag and a Parade of detachments drawn from all arms of the Defence Forces and a small detachment drawn from the Delhi Police. Appropriately with the character of the new Constitution, it has been decided that apart from Heads of Foreign Missions, Rulers of Indian States other than Rajapramukhs, Ministers, members of the Constituent Assembly and other high officials, prominent citizens and representatives of Labour, Peasantry and Harijans from the Delhi province should be invited for the function.

(c) State Banquet:- At night the President will give a Banquet to which all Heads of Diplomatic Missions, Cabinet Ministers and some senior officials will be invited.

(d) Public illuminations:- Hoisting of the National Flag as on days of national rejoicing and general illuminations in the evening.

(ii) 27th January:-

Reception by the President: The President of the Republic will give a reception in the Moghal Gardens of the Government House in the afternoon to which as large a number of persons as possible will be invited.

II. It has also been decided that -

(i) New badges should be designed for the Defence Services and the Police so that the troops and the Police officers who take part in the official celebrations on the 26th January should wear the new badges, if possible; new badges for the Defence Services have already been approved by the Cabinet and are being made, while designs for the Police are under consideration and a final decision will be taken very shortly. The intention is that these new badges will gradually replace the existing badges.

(ii)/.....

(ii) The CROWN which now figures prominently on or in buildings, articles of furniture etc. at places where the actual ceremonies will take place on the 26th January should be removed if this can be done conveniently or draped or otherwise covered so as not to be visible. (It is not intended that the symbol of the Crown should be removed from other places e.g. from parts of Government House not used on the 26th for the public ceremonials. That may be done gradually and unobtrusively).

(iii) The 26th and 27th January 1950 should be declared as public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, (XXVI of 1881). Relevant copies of notifications in this respect are being sent separately.

III. It is hoped that the above programme will, mutatis mutandis also be followed by the Provincial Governments etc. The 31 guns salute, however, will only be fired in Delhi as it is personal to the President of the Republic. So far as the co-operation of the Military authorities is concerned each Provincial Government etc. should seek the assistance of the Principal Military Authorities in its area. The Defence Ministry of the Government of India are being requested to issue appropriate instructions to the Military authorities concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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P.T.O.

NO.34/5/49-PUBLIC

New Delhi, (3) the 17th December, 49.

Copy forwarded to all Ministries of the Government of India including Ministry of Finance (Defence), (Revenue), (Communications) (E.A. & States), (I.& C.) and (Food) Divisions; Cabinet Secretariat; Director General, Resettlement & Employment; Prime Minister's Secretariat; Partition Secretariat; Secretariat of the Constituent Assembly; Legislative Assembly Department; Principal, Indian Administrative Service Training School; Director, Secretariat Training School; Inspector General, Special Police Establishment; Federal Public Service Commission; Federal Court; Director, Intelligence Bureau; Military Secretary to Hhs Excellency the Governor General; Department of Scientific Research; Department of Parliamentary Affairs; Development Board; Commandant, Central Police Training College, Mount Abu.

Ministry of States may kindly issue the necessary instructions in this regard to all States, Unions of States and Chief Commissioners under their administrative control.

External Affairs' Ministry may kindly issue suitable instructions to India's Representatives abroad on the hoisting of the National Flag and other celebrations.

The Defence Ministry may kindly issue detailed instructions to fly the National Flag on the 26th and 27th January 1950 and to celebrate the days. The instructions should also cover the Indian Navy and Indian Air Forces.

Attention is also invited to paragraph 3 above. It is requested that suitable instructions may be issued to the local military authorities to establish contact and liaison with Civil authorities where necessary.

By order,

A V Raman

(A.V. RAMAN)
Under Secy. to the Government of India.

-SPS-(A)
16/12/49-D.

8No2662/47

Extracts from letter No.F.12157-J/49 dated 24th December 1949 from the Government of India, Ministry of States, New Delhi.

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Subject: Inauguration of the Indian Republic - Celebration on 26th & 27th January 1950

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(i) 26th January 1950

(d) Public Illuminations: Hoisting of the National Flag as on days of national rejoicing and general illuminations in the evening.

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(iii) The 26th and 27th January 1950 should be declared as public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, (XXVI of 1881). Relevant copies of notifications in this respect are being sent separately.

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For favour of taking immediate necessary action on the following points:

1) To declare the 26th and 27th January 1950 as public holidays;

2) To issue instructions suggesting that National flags should be hoisted on all important public buildings at Mysore and Bangalore and at other District and Taluk headquarters that the public may do likewise on private houses, shops etc.

There is no objection to the use of the Mysore flag also on the occasion so long as the National flag is given its due place.

3) Illuminations on the 26th and 27th January 1950 in the evening.

Draft O.M. to be issued in this behalf may kindly be sent to the Chief Secretariat before issue.

EDUCATION SECRETARY W/C)

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To

The Private Secretary to His Highness;
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore;
Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation;
Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Mysore
Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City;
Principal Information Officer.

6843-48/CS

Sir,

Encl:1

Sub:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic -
Programme of Celebrations on the
26th January 1950

I am directed to forward herewith, for information and favour of taking such preliminary actions as may be necessary in so far as you are concerned, a Copy of the Proceedings of the Meeting held on the 24th December 1949.

I am to add that it is not proposed to sanction poor feeding or the distribution of sweets to School children as suggested in the proceedings, owing to the imperative need for economy.

I am to request you kindly to be present at the next meeting of the Committee -

~~Committee~~ to be held at Mysore on the 4th January 1950 at 9 A.M. in the Chief Secretary's Room at the Old Indian Guest Quarters.

Yours faithfully,

Fwd 6849/CS
Encl:1

Chief Secretary to Government.

27/12/49

Copy to the Registrar, G.R.S., for issuing necessary instructions to the Superintendent, Indian Guest Quarters, for making seating arrangements and other in the Chief Secretary's Room at the Old Indian Guest Quarters for the Meeting referred to above.

27.12.49.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No.6687-6720/C.B. General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, 28th Decr. 1949.

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To The Vice-Chancellor, M

Sir,

Subject: Inauguration of the Indian Republic -
Celebrations on 26th & 27th January 1950.

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I am directed to say that the Government of Mysore, in common with the rest of India, are making suitable arrangements for the due Celebration of the Inauguration of the Indian Republic on the 26th January 1950, and to request that similar arrangements as far as may be, may kindly be made in so far as you are concerned for celebrating the event in a worthy and appropriate manner.

The official programme to be followed at Mysore and Bangalore Cities is under consideration separately. It will be somewhat on the lines contained in the annexure. The programme will be finalised shortly in consultation with leading party representatives and others. Meanwhile, it is requested that action may kindly be taken to draw up individual programmes on similar lines with variations to suit local conditions and to get on with arrangements for illuminations, sports, amusements, etc.

The 26th and 27th January 1950 will be declared as Public Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act and copies of Notifications in this respect will be sent separately. Instructions will also be issued separately in the matter of hoisting flags on public ~~xxxxxx~~ buildings, illuminations, etc.

In drawing up individual programmes, it is requested that endeavours may be made to reconcile the need for dignity and popular appeal with the limitations imposed by the need for economy. The Celebrations

should be of the simplest consistent with the historic character of the occasion.

Yours faithfully,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

ANNEXURE.

The following is an outline of the Programme to be followed on the occasion:-

1. Procession with Flags, etc.
2. Unfurling of the National Flag.
3. Poojas, etc.
4. Sports.
5. Public Meeting.

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For Chief Secretary to Government.

To 6687-6720/CB 28/12/49

D.C.s

~~The Private Secretary to His Highness,~~
1. All District Magistrates, (except Mysore)
2. Presidents of all Municipalities in Dist.Hd.Quarter and Mayor, Bangalore City Corporation.
3. Presidents of all District Boards.
~~4. The Inspector General of Police;~~
~~5. The Officer Commanding, Mysore State Troops;~~
~~6. The Officer Commanding, Bangalore Sub-Area;~~
~~7. The Officer, Commanding RIAF;~~
~~8. The General Secretary, Mysore State Congress;~~
4. Vice-Chancellor, Mysore University;
5. Director of Public Instruction;
~~6. The Chief Electrical Engineer;~~

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Sir,

Sub:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic — Celebrations on 26th & 27th January 1950.

I am directed to say that the Government of Mysore ~~have decided~~ in common with the rest of India, are making suitable arrangements for the due celebration of the Inauguration of the Indian Republic on the 26th January 1950, and to request that similar arrangements may kindly be made in so far as you are concerned for celebrating the event in a worthy and appropriate manner as far as may be.

The official programme to be followed at Mysore and Bangalore Cities is under consideration separately. Meanwhile it is requested that action may kindly be taken to draw up individual programmes on similar lines with variations to suit local conditions and to get on with arrangements for illuminations, Sports, amusements, etc.,

The 26th and 27th January 1950 will be declared as Public Holidays under the negotiable instruments Act and copies of Notifications in this respect will be sent separately.

In drawing up individual programmes, it is requested that endeavours may be made to reconcile the need for dignity and popular appeal with the limitations imposed by the need for economy. The Celebrations should be of the simplest consistent with the historic character of the occasion.

It will be somewhat on the lines contained in the annexure. The programme will be finalised shortly in consultation with leading party representatives & others.

Instructions will also be issued separately in the matter of hoisting flags, illuminations on public buildings, etc.

~~In order to associate the public, as far as possible with the Celebrations, there should be a procession in the afternoon ending in hoisting of the National Flag and Parade of Boy Scouts, Home Guards, Police, etc.~~

~~The National Flag should be hoisted as soon days of national rejoicing and there should be general illuminations in the Evening.~~

The following is an outline of the Programme to be followed on the occasion:-

(1) Procession with Flags, etc.
(2) Unfurling of the National Flag;
(3) Poojas, etc;
(4) Sports;
(5) Public Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary to Government.

To 6851 to 6857/CB
Srdi:1

1. The Huzur Secretary to His Highness;
2. The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore;
3. Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops;
4. Officer Commanding, Bangalore Sub Area;
5. Air Officer Commanding RIAF;
6. Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore;
7. General Secretary, Mysore State Congress;

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Sir,

Sub:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic Celebrations on 26th & 27th Jan.1950.

I am directed to say that the Government of Mysore, in common with the rest of India are making suitable arrangements for the due celebration of the inauguration of the Indian Republic on the 26th January 1950.

A copy of the Proceedings of a meeting of a Small Committee held for the purpose of considering the programme and the procedure to be followed is enclosed. These are of course tentative suggestions.

I am to request you kindly to be present at the next meeting of the Committee to be held on the 4th January 1950 at 9 A.M. in the Old Indian Guest Quarters at Mysore, and to favour the Committee with your suggestions for drawing up a suitable programme for Mysore and Bangalore Cities.

Yours faithfully,

27/12

Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No 6858/CB
Srdi:1
Copy to Registrar G.E.S
27.12.49

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 6843-48/CS Dated Bangalore, 28th December 194 9.

FROM

*The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

To

1. The Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore;
2. The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore;
3. The Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation;
4. The Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Mysore District;
5. The Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City;

SIR, 6. The Principal Information Officer.

Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic --
Programme of Celebrations on the 26th January 1950.

I am directed to forward herewith, for information and favour of taking such preliminary action as may be necessary in so far as you are concerned, a Copy of the Proceedings of the Meeting held on the 24th December 1949.

I am to add that it is not proposed to sanction poor feeding or the distribution of sweets to School children as suggested in the proceedings, owing to the imperative need for economy.

I am to request you kindly to be present at the next meeting of the Committee to be held at Mysore on the 4th January 1950 at 9 A.M. in the Chief Secretary's Room at the Old Indian Guest Quarters.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- K.SRINIVASAN

Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 6849/CS

Copy to the Registrar, General & Revenue Secretariat, for issuing necessary instructions to the Superintendent, Indian Guest Quarters, for making seating and other arrangements in the Chief Secretary's Room at the Old Indian Guest Quarters for the Meeting referred to above.

Q.V.M. Ramakrishnaiya
For Chief Secretary to Government.

(K)

Proceedings of the meeting held in the Chambers of the Chief Secretary to Government, Old Public Offices on the 24th December 1949 at 8-30 A.M., to discuss the question of the programme and procedure for celebrating the 26th January 1950.

Present:-

1. Revenue Commissioner in Mysore
2. Chief Secretary to Government.
3. Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Mysore District.
4. Private Secretary to His Highness.
5. Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation.
6. Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City.
7. Principal Information Officer.

(1) Letter dated 13/14th December 1949, from the Ministry of States, was read.

It was explained that certain points arising out of the letter, more especially those relating to the flags to be used for the occasion, the procedure to be followed, if any, for the oath of office to be taken by the Rajpramukh etc., had already been referred for clarification to the States Ministry and that their reply was awaited.

(2) It was agreed that the 26th and 27th January 1950, should be declared as Public Holidays throughout the State.

(3) It was suggested that National Flags should be hoisted on all important Public Buildings at Mysore and Bangalore and at other Districts and Taluk Head-Quarters, and that the public should be advised to do likewise on private houses, shops, etc.

(4) It was agreed that there should be illuminations on the evenings of the 26th and 27th January 1950, and that appropriate action may be taken in this behalf in consultation with the Chief Electrical Engineer, in regard to:

(a) Illumination of the Palace; (b) Illumination of Brindavan Gardens;
(c) Flood-lighting important buildings in Bangalore & Mysore Cities, and
(d) Illumination at other places.

(5) The question of the programme to be followed on the 26th and 27th January was considered, and after discussion, it was decided that it would be appropriate to have the following programme at each of the places indicated:

26th January 1950 (Morning):-

1. AT MYSORE: Durbar in the morning at 9 A.M. at the Palace for the Oath taking Ceremony and/or the Swearing-in-Ceremony.

(a) Timings, programme and other details to be settled with the Palace Authorities;

(b) Form of invitation card to be settled after consulting States Ministry;

(c) Invitees List up to 1000 to be drawn up as comprehensively as possible and in addition to Ministers and Officials, as usual, representatives of Organisations of Labour, Peasantry and Harijans to be asked; form of invitation to be finalised; Labour Commissioner to be asked to suggest representatives of labour from important Labour Organisations not exceeding 20.

(Continued)

Deputy Commissioners to send names of 10 representative peasants from each District.

L.S.G. Minister to suggest names of 15 Harijan representatives.

(d) Firing of a Salute of 21 guns;

(e) Coffee or tea not necessary;

(f) Presnetation to Rajpramukh of important invitees numbering about 50, if practicable.

(g) Regarding arrangements for accommodation for invitees during stay in Mysore; treating them as Government Guests, payment of T.A. and D.A., it was suggested that orders of the Chief Minister may be obtained.

Special Duty Officer to be appointed.

26th January 1950 (Afternoon):-

(2) State Drive: (a) It was considered that the best place for holding the parade, etc., was Government House, where all facilities are already available;

(b) The route of the Procession may be the same as that covered during the Birthday;

(c) Timings to be fixed in consultation with Palace;

(d) State Coach with postillion riders may be used;

(3) Banquet to be held at Lalitha Mahal at 8-30 P.M.

(a) As accommodation is limited to 80, the number of invitees to be asked should be limited to the same number.

(4) Other items as in (3) to (6) of III below with such other additions and alterations to be settled by a Committee to be constituted for Mysore with:

Deputy Commissioner, Mysore;
President, Mysore Municipality;
Commissioner, Mysore Municipality;
Congress Representatives, etc.

II. AT BANGALORE: (26-1-1950)

(1) The Parade may be held on the morning of the 26th January 1950 between 8 and 9 A.M., at the Stadium or the Race Course Grounds, the Seniormost Military Officer or the District Magistrate taking the Salute;

(2) The Unfurling of the National Flag by the Mayor would also take place at the same time.

(3) At 5 P.M., there will be a Public Meeting at the Town Hall;

(4) Other items as in (3) to (6) of III below and other additions to be settled by a Committee to be constituted for Bangalore District with Deputy Commissioner (Urban), Deputy Commissioner (Rural), Mayor of Corporation, Commissioner of Corporation, Congress Representatives etc.

(Continued)

III. AT OTHER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS:

(1) Parade or Procession with Flags, etc.

(2) Unfurling of Flag;-

(3) Poojas, etc.

(4) Sports;

(5) Poor Feeding;

(6) Distribution of sweets to School Children;

(7) Public Meeting in the Evening.

6. It is suggested that while the above covered the major points connected with the Celebrations and was only an outline of the official programme to be followed at Mysore and Bangalore Cities, Presidents of the Municipal Councils, the District Magistrates and the Educational authorities may be requested to draw up individual programmes on the same lines with variations to suit local conditions, and make their own special arrangements for illuminations, sports and amusements, distribution of sweets etc. in so far as they are concerned.

7. It was also suggested that the public should be advised that, in addition to participating in the official programme there would be no objection to their having their own programme for celebrating the event in a worthy and appropriate manner.

8. It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee should be held at Mysore on the 4th of January 1950 at 9 A.M., at which a detailed draft programme could be considered for Mysore and Bangalore Cities in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police, Chief Commandant, Officer Commanding, Bangalore Sub Area, Air Officer, Commanding RIAF and the Huzur Secretary to His Highness. It was suggested that another meeting should be held in the afternoon with Non-official representatives, of the Mysore Congress and other important political organisations present in Mysore City for obtaining their views on the draft programme for the Mysore City and that the programme should be finalised after consulting Congress and other representatives at Bangalore on the 5th regarding the Bangalore City Programme and should be submitted to the Chief Minister for final approval on the 6th January 1950

Meanwhile, copies of these Proceedings may be sent for guidance and necessary action to Members of the Committee.

C.M. Ramakrishnaiya
For Chief Secretary to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

No.6896-6929/C.B.

General & Revenue Secretariat,
Dated, Bangalore 30th December 1949.

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

Sir,

Subject: Inauguration of the Indian Republic -
Celebrations on 26th & 27th January 1950.

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In continuation of my letter No.6687-6720/C.B. dated the 28th December 1949 on the above subject, I am directed to state that the Annexure forwarded therewith is an outline of the programme to be followed on the occasion at Moffusil places with suitable alterations and that the tentative official programme to be followed at mysore and Bangalore Cities, as so far settled, will be somewhat as follows:-

I. AT MYSORE: (26th January 1950)

1) Durbar in the morning at the Palace
2) Afternoon: State Procession
3) Unfurling of the National Flag
4) Parade of Troops
5) Night: Banquet or Garden Party in the evening

II. AT BANGALORE: (26th January 1950)

1) Parade of Troops
2) Unfurling of National Flag
3) Afternoon: Public Meeting

(27th January 1950)

Afternoon: Garden Party

I am to request you kindly to substitute the above for the Annexure already sent.

Yours faithfully,

30/12/49

For Chief Secretary to Government.

CKP

To 6896-6929/CB 30/12/49

1. All Deputy Commissioners and District Magistrates; (except Mysore)

2. Presidents of all Municipalities in District Head Quarters, & Mayor, Bangalore City Corpn; Councils

3. Presidents of all District Boards;

4. The Vice-Chancellor, Mysore University;

5. The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore.

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Sir,

Sub:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic -- Celebrations on 26th & 27th Jan. 1950.

In continuation of my letter No. 6687-6720/C.B. dated the 28th December 1949 on the above subject, I am directed to state that the Annexure forwarded therewith is an outline of the programme to be followed on the occasion at Moffusil Places with suitable alterations, and that the tentative official programme to be followed at Mysore and Bangalore Cities, as so far settled, will be somewhat as follows:-.

Submitted

Draft put up for approval.

Chief Secy) 29.12.49

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I. AT MYSORE: (26th January 1950)

(1) Durbar in the Morning at the Palace. ~~for the Oath taking Ceremony and/or the Swearing-in-Ceremony;~~

(2) Afternoon:- State Procession.

(3) Unfurling of the National Flag;

(4) Parade of Troops;

(5) Night:- Banquet. or Garden party in the evening.

p.t.o.

27th January 1950:

Afternoon:- Garden Party.

II. AT BANGALORE: 26-1-50

(1) Parade of Troops;

(2) Unfurling of National Flag;

(3) Afternoon:- Public Meeting.

I am to request you kindly to substitute the above for the Annexure already sent.

Yours faithfully,

29.12.49

Chief Secretary to Government.

29.12.49

~~D.O.~~ No 6930/CR
Secl! 1

29th December 1949.
30th.

Dear Sri Safi Darashah,

Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic —
Celebrations on the 26th and 27th January 1950.

In continuation of my letter No.6849-[illegible] dated the 28th December 1949 and with reference to our next Meeting on the 4th January 1950, I am desired to forward herewith, in advance, a list of points, which will come up for discussion at the Meeting and to request you kindly to look through them and to get the Officers concerned to have ready such information as will be useful for the discussion.

Yours sincerely,

Sri Safi Darashah, B.A.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
MYSORE.

Submitted.

Draft and fair for up, as instructed, for approval.

29.12.49. (Chief Secy) 29.12.49

Issued

Office Order No 6930/CR dated 30th December 49 to Sri Safi Darashah B.A. P.S. to H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

# CELEBRATIONS ON THE 26TH JANUARY 1950.

## Ceremonial on 26th January 1950:

### VENUE

Durbar Hall of the Palace.

### INVITEES:

(a) Officers of Special Class, Class I (retired and in active service) and Class II resident in Mysore City;

(b) Title holders, Vidwans etc., as during Birthday or Dasara;

(c) Members of the Legislature, including members of the old R.A. and L.C.

(d) Other representatives;

(e) What is to be the limit of the total number?

(f) Who is to issue the invitations? Form?

### PROGRAMME:

(a) Mujaray;

(b) Presentations of important invitees as during the late European Durbar. Private Secretary to His Highness or Durbar Bakshi calling out names. Is it practicable to marshal invitees say up to 100?

(c) No seating arrangements.
All invitees to remain standing throughout function.

(d) Hara and Vilya

(e) Military sports in the Courtyard.

### DRIVE IN STATE:

(a) Procession route from the Palace to Government House as during Birthday;

(b) Will His Highness use a State Carriage?

(c) Arrangements at Parade Ground for seating invitees.

### BANQUET OR GARDEN PARTY IN THE EVENING?

Will His Highness attend?

### GARDEN PARTY:

Could this be held at Bangalore Palace as suggested on the 27th January?

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C. R. Rama Rao
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir Cwp

HUZUR SECRETARY MYSORE

The Palace,

Mysore.

29th December 1949.

D.O. MSK. 283/49-50

Dear Sir,

Subject: Inauguration of the Indian Republic Celebrations on 26th & 27th January 1950.

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With reference to your letter No.6851/CB dated 28th December 1949 asking me to be present at the next meeting of the Committee on the 4th January 1950, I write to state that due to my eye trouble I am unable to attend the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Sri.K.Srinivasan,B.Sc.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

CELEBRATIONS ON 26TH JANUARY 1950.

Points for discussion at Delhi.

1. FLAGS:

a) When are specimens expected to be sent? ( Posters (Since recd.)

b) Are any arrangements made for supply of flags, badges etc. required for troops and police? No.

c) What colour is to be used for the National Crest and the name of the State in the Rajpramukh's flag?

d) Is the National Tricolour flag to be used for the unfurling of the flag on the afternoon of the 26th?

e) How about car and house flags for the Rajpramukh?

f) Should only the new State flag be used over the Palace after the 26th or the existing Mysore flag could also be hoisted?

g) Is it correct to assume that the new Rajpramukh's flag will not in any way interfere with the use of the personal flag of His Highness the Maharaja as at present even after the 26th January 1950 in respect of his private cars, private residences etc.

2. RAJPRAMUKH'S SEAL:-

Is the Centre suggesting any particular design to be used?

3. PROGRAMME FOR 26TH JANUARY 1950:

a) Should the Rajpramukh which means in the case of Mysore State His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore take the Oath of Office on the 26th January 1950; if so, what is the manner to be adopted and who is to administer it?

Under Consideration Separately)

b) Is the salute of 21 guns to be fired here too? The latter figure is what His Highness the Maharaja is entitled to as His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore as previously fixed by the Crown.

Reply awaited from Delhi.

c) Should the Rajpramukh administer the Oath of Office to the Members of the Cabinet on the 26th January 1950?

d) What is to be the form of the invitation card to be issued for the occasion?

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e) Could Mysore Anthem be used in addition to National Anthem or only latter?

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1) The President,
City Municipal Council
M Y S O R E.

2) The President,
Mysore City Congress Commi
M Y S O R E.

Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic --
Programme of Celebrations on 26-1-1950

I am directed to state that in connection with the above, it is proposed to have a meeting of the Representatives of the various Organisations concerned with a view to drawing up a suitable programme to be followed in Mysore City. The meeting will be held in my Room at the Old Indian Guest Quarters, Mysore, on Wednesday the 4th January 1950, at 3-30 P.M. I am to request you kindly to attend the meeting and to favour the same with your valuable suggestions for a suitable programme.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary to Government.

Submitted

Draft and file put up, as instructed, for approval.

31.12.49. Chief Secy) 31/12/49

31/12

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 6966-71/C.B. *Dated Bangalore,* 21st Dec. *194* 9

FROM

*The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

To

1. The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore,
2. The Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Mysore,
3. The Commissioner, City Corporation, Bangalore,
4. The Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
5. The Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Mysore,
6. The Principal Information Officer, Bangalore.

SIR,

Subject: Proceedings of the Meeting held in the chamber of the Chief Secretary to Government, Old Public Offices on the 24th December 1949 at 8.30 A.M. to discuss the question of the programme and procedure for celebrating the 26th January 1950.

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In the copy of the Proceedings of the meeting sent with letter No.6043-48/C.B. dated 26th December 1949, kindly add the following as item (5) after the items included for the afternoon of 26.1.1950 at Mysore:

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(5) It was suggested that a Garden Party might appropriately be held at the Bangalore Palace on the afternoon of the 27th January 1950.

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Yours faithfully,

21/12/49

Chief Secretary to Government.

CKS

Proceedings of the meeting held in the Chambers of the Chief Secretary to Government, Old Public Offices on the 24th December 1949 at 8-30 A.M., to discuss the question of the programme and procedure for celebrating the 26th January 1950.

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1. Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
2. Chief Secretary to Government.
3. Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Mysore District.
4. Private Secretary to His Highness.
5. Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation.
6. Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City.
7. Principal Information Officer.

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(1) Letter dated 13/14th December 1949, from the Ministry of States, was read.

It was explained that certain points arising out of the letter, more especially those relating to the flags to be used for the occasion, the procedure to be followed, if any, for the oath of office to be taken by the Rajpramukh etc., had already been referred for clarification to the States Ministry and that their reply was awaited.

(2) It was agreed that the 26th and 27th January 1950, should be declared as Public Holidays throughout the State.

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(b) Illumination of Brindavan Gardens;
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(a) Timings, programme and other details to be settled with the Palace Authorities

(b) Form of invitation card to be settled after consulting States Ministry;

(c) Invitees List up to 1000 to be drawn up as comprehensively as possible and in addition to Ministers and Officials, as usual, representatives of Organisations of Labour, peasantry and Harijans to be asked; form of invitation to be finalised; Labour Commissioner to be asked to suggest representatives of labour from important Labour Organisations not exceeding 20.

Deputy Commissioners to send names of 10 representative peasants from each District

L.S.G. Minister to suggest names of 15 Harijan representatives.

(d) Firing of a Salute of 21 guns;

(e) Coffee or tea not necessary;

(f) Presentation to Rajpramukh of important invitees numbering about 50 if practicable.

(g) Regarding arrangements for accommodation for invitees during stay in Mysore, treating them as Government Guests, payment of T.A. and D.A., it was suggested that orders of the Chief Minister may be obtained.

Special Duty Officer to be appointed.

26th January 1950 (Afternoon) :-

(2) State Drive:- (a) It was considered that the best place for holding the parade, etc., was Government House, where all facilities are already available;

(b) The route of the Procession may be the same as that covered during the Birthday;

(c) Timings to be fixed in consultation with Palace;

(d) State Coach with postillion riders may be used.

(3) Banquet to be held at Lalitha Mahal at 8-30 P.M.

(a) As accommodation is limited to 80, the number of invitees to be asked should be limited to the same number.

(4) Other items as in (3) to (6) of III below with such other additions and alterations to be settled by a Committee to be constituted for Mysore with:

Deputy Commissioner, Mysore.
President, Mysore Municipality.
Commissioner, Mysore Municipality.
Congress Representatives, etc.

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II. AT BANGALORE: (26-1-1950)

(1) The Parade may be held on the morning of the 26th January 1950 between 8 and 9 A.M., at the Stadium or the Race Course Grounds, the Seniormost Military Officer of the District Magistrate taking the Salute;

(2) The Unfurling of the National Flag by the Mayor would also take place at the same time.

(3) At 5 P.M., there will be a Public Meeting at the Town Hall;

(4) Other items as in (3) to (6) of III below and other additions to be settled by a Committee to be constituted for Bangalore District with Deputy Commissioner - (Urban), Deputy Commissioner (Rural), Mayor of Corporation, Commissioner of Corporation, Congress Representatives etc.

III. AT OTHER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS:

(1) Parade or Procession with Flags, etc.
(2) Unfurling of Flag;
(3) Poojas, etc.
(4) Sports;
(5) Poor Feeding;
(6) Distribution of sweets to School Children;
(7) Public Meeting in the evening.

6. It is suggested that while the above covered the major points connected with the Celebrations and was only an outline of the official programme to be followed at Mysore and Bangalore Cities, Presidents of the Municipal Councils, the District Magistrates and the Educational authorities may be requested to draw up individual programmes on the same lines with variations to suit local conditions, and make their own special arrangements for illuminations, sports and amusements, distribution of sweets etc. in so far as they are concerned.

7. It was also suggested that the public should be advised that, in addition to participating in the official programme there would be no objection to their having their own programme for celebrating the event in a worthy and appropriate manner.

8. It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee should be held at Mysore on the 4th of January 1950 at 9 A.M., at which a detailed draft programme could be considered for Mysore and Bangalore Cities in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police, Chief Commandant, Officer Commanding, Bangalore Sub Area, Air Officer, Commanding RIAF and the Huzur Secretary to His Highness. It was suggested that another meeting should be held in the afternoon with Non-official representatives, of the Mysore Congress and other important political organisations present in Mysore City for obtaining their views on the draft programme for the Mysore City and that the

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the programme should be finalised after consulting Congress and other representatives at Bangalore on the 5th regarding the Bangalore City Programme and should be submitted to the Chief Minister for final approval on the 6th January 1950.

Meanwhile, copies of these Proceedings may be sent for guidance and necessary action to Members of the Committee.

Chief Secretary to Government.

No 6966-697/CD

Addenda

To

1) The Revenue Commr
2) ~~xxx~~ Dy Commr & Addl Magistrate Mysore
3) Private Secy to HH
4) Commissioner Bangalore city Corporation
(5) Municipal Commr Mysore city
(6) Municipal Examiners Office

Subject- Proceedings of the meeting held in the Chamber of the Chief Secy to Govt, Old Public Offices on the 24-12-1949 at 8.30 AM to discuss the questions of the programme and procedure for celebrating the 26-1-1950

In the
copy of the proceedings of the meeting send with letter No 6843-48 CPS dt 28-12-1949

Kindly
add the following
as item(s) after
the items included
for the afternoon of
26-1-1950 at Mysore

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(5)

P.S.H. It was suggested
that a garden
party might appropriately
be held at the Mayurz
Palace on the afternoon
of the 27th January 1950

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Y. F.

Private Secretary
CKD

31.12.49.

MEETING AT MYSORE ON 4th January 1950.

DRAFT AGENDA.

1) To read the proceedings of the Committee Meeting held on 24.12.1949.

2) To consider the action to be taken for arranging illuminations on the 26th and 27th January 1950.

3) To consider the programme of celebrations in Mysore City on 26.1.1950.

MORNING:

a) Durbar at the Palace

i) Timings

ii) Programme of Durbar Ceremonial

iii) Form of Invitation Card

iv) List of invitees

v) Issue of invitations

vi) Presentation of invitees

vii) Arrangements for accommodation for invitees

viii) Any other points.

AFTERNOON:

b) State Procession:

i) Route

ii) Timings

iii) Parade of Troops

iv) Unfurling of Flag

v) Garden Party?

vi) Banquet?

4) Military arrangements
5) Police arrangements.

4) To consider the programme of celebrations on 26.1.1950 at Bangalore City.

7) To consider the programme of celebrations on 26.1.1950 at other places.

6) To consider the further steps necessary to

MEETING AT MYSORE ON 4TH JANUARY 1950.

DRAFT AGENDA.

1) To read the proceedings of the Committee Meeting held on 24.12.49.

2) To consider the action to be taken for arranging illuminations on the 26th and 27th January 1950.

3) To consider the programme of celebrations in Mysore City on 26th January 1950.

MORNING:

a) Durbar at the Palace:

i) Timings — 11-15 a.m.
ii) Programme of Durbar Ceremonial — ✓
iii) Form of Invitation Card — ✓
iv) List of invitees ✓
v) Issue of invitations ✓
vi) Presentation of invitees
vii) Arrangements for accommodation for invitees.
viii) Any other points. ✗

AFTERNOON:

b) State Procession:

i) Route ✓
ii) Timings
iii) Parade of Troops —
iv) Unfurling of Flag ✓
v) Garden Party? ✓ —
vi) Banquet? ✗

4) Military arrangements.

5) Police arrangements.

6) To consider the programme of Celebrations on 26.1.1950 at Bangalore City.

7) To consider the programme of celebrations on 26.1.1950 at other places.

8) To consider the further steps necessary to finalise the programmes and issues instructions.

9) Any other points.

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IMMEDIATE.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATES

No.F.12(5)-J/49. Dated New Delhi, the January, 1950.

From

The Deputy Secretary
to the Government of India,
Ministry of States.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Subject :- Inauguration of the Indian Republic-Celebration on 26th and 27th January 1950.

Reference :- Reference this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 24th December 1949.

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In continuation of the letter cited above, I am directed to enclose, for information and appropriate action, a copy of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs express letter No.35/4/49-Pub, dated the 29th December 1949.

Yours faithfully,

C Ganesan

Deputy Secretary
to the Government of India.

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Copy of an express letter No.35/4/49-Pub. dated 29th December 1949 from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs to All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

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Continuation this Ministry's letter No.35/4/49-Pub. dated 17th December, 1949 regarding celebrations in connection with the inauguration of the Indian Republic on the 26th January 1950.

2. It has now been decided that the Swearing-in- Ceremoney of the President should take place at 11-15 A.M. instead of between 9-30 or 10 A.M. as intimated in our previous letter. It is suggested that the Provincial Governments may also follow this time for the Swearing-in Ceremoney of the Governors as far as possible.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT AT THE OLD INDIAN GUESTS QUARTERS, MYSORE, ON 4TH JANUARY 1950, AT 9-0 A. M.

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Present: (1) Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops;
(2) Revenue Commissioner in Mysore;
(3) Inspector-General of Police in Mysore;
(4) Chief Secretary to Government;
(5) Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore;
(6) Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Mysore;
(7) Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
(8) Col. Lumba;
(9) Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City;
(10) Principal Information Officer.

The General Secretary, Mysore State Congress and the Commissioner, City of Bangalore Corporation and the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja sent messages expressing their inability to be present at the meeting.

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The Proceedings of the Committee meeting held on the 24th December 1949 were read and recorded.

I. ILLUMINATIONS:

1. The action to be taken for arranging illuminations on the 26th January 1950 and 27th January 1950 were considered and it was resolved that the Chief Electrical Engineer should make arrangements, as on festive occasions in the past, to flood light important buildings in Mysore City, such as Medical College, Railway Offices, Sri Chamarajendra Technical Institute, Hospital Blocks, Exhibition Buildings, etc., in addition to the usual arrangements for illumination on the Chamundi Hills at the Palace and in Brindavan Gardens. It was also resolved that the usual garden lighting arrangements should be made by the Chief Electrical Engineer in connection with the Garden Parties proposed to be held at the Chamundy Gymkhana in Mysore on the 26th January 1950 and at the Bangalore Palace on the 27th January 1950.

2. As regards illuminations in Bangalore City, the Chief Electrical Engineer explained that it was impossible to make any arrangements, owing to lack of materials, for flood lighting any of the important buildings. He offered to make arrangements for strip lighting on particular buildings on receipt of definite instructions

as to the number of lights required, the arrangements for payment of cost etc. He further explained that the cost would work out to about Rs.3/- per light. The Chief Electrical Engineer also offered to issue instructions to the Sectional Heads of his Department at various mofussil places to make arrangements for strip lighting within the local resources, on receipt of requisitions from the Deputy Commissioners, provided funds were placed at the disposal of the Department towards the same.

3. It was resolved that the Chief Electrical Engineer should be requested to make arrangements accordingly and issue instructions as mentioned above and that definite instructions may be sent to him as regards strip lighting at Bangalore, more particularly, the lighting of the Old Public Offices.

II. PROGRAMME IN MYSORE CITY ON 26-1-1950:

1. The programme of Celebrations in Mysore City on 26th January 1950 was discussed in detail.

(a) Swearing-in-Ceremony:

MORNING:-

i) It was resolved that in accordance with the instructions received from Delhi, the Swearing-in-Ceremony of the Rajpramukh at the Palace should take place at 11.15 A.M. The Military would be drawn up in the court yard as usual. There could be no amusements, considering the time of day, but music would be provided. The Palace and Military Bands will be in attendance. Invitees would be requested to be at the Palace by 10.45 A.M. The programme of Ceremonial would consist of (1) taking of Oath or Affirmation by His Highness ; (2) Swearing-in of Ministers and (3) Swearing-in of Judges. The last item was highly provisional and its inclusion or otherwise depended on the reply to be received from Delhi.

PROGRAMME:

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| 10-45 a.m. | Invitees to be inside Durbar Hall. |
| 11-10 a.m. | His Highness Arrives. |
| 11-15 a.m. | Swearing-in of Rajpramukh;<br>Salute of 21 Guns;<br>Unfurling of Rajpramukh's Flag;<br>Swearing-in of Ministers;<br>Swearing-in of Judges (?) |

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| 11-30 a.m. | Invitees are seated;<br>Music;<br>Pansupari, etc. |
| 11-45 a.m. | Mujaray. |
| 12-00 Noon | His Highness Departures. |

Immediately after the Rajpramukh has been sworn in, a salute of 21 guns will be fired and the Rajpramukh's Flag unfurled in front of the Palace. The Rajpramukh will then administer the Oath to the Ministers of the Cabinet. After the Swearing-in-Ceremony, the invitees will be garlanded and "Veelya" will be distributed. The invitees will then offer Mujaray and proceed to the inner part of the Sajje. When His Highness departs, the bands will play Janaganamana and then the Mysore Anthem. There will be no presentations.

(b) Invitation Card: ii) The form of invitation card would be the same as that used for Durbars at the Palace, viz., a Command Invitation but issued by the Chief Secretary. The form of invitation will be according to Enclosure, based on that issued at Delhi.

(c) Invitees: iii) The list of invitees would be the same as that on the occasion of the Dasara Festivities, subject to the addition of representatives of Organisations of Labour, the peasantry and Harijans.

iv) It was suggested that the following scale is to be adopted as regards the latter:

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| 1. | Harijans .. | 15 |
| 2. | Peasantry .. | About 80, one for each taluk |
| 3. | Representatives of Organisation of Labour .. | 25 |
| 4. | Other Political Organisations .. | 25 |
| 5. | Press Representatives .. | 30. |

v) It was further suggested that in addition to the above, all members of the Legislative Assembly should be asked.

vi) As regards selection of invitees, it was suggested that (1) the Commissioner of Labour should be asked to suggest the names of representatives of labour; (2) that the Deputy Commissioners of Districts be requested to select representatives of the peasantry from their districts; (3) that the Commissioner for Depressed Classes be asked to suggest the names of Harijan representatives.

vii) It was resolved that a common invitation should be issued from the Palace in the name of the Chief Secretary (vide para 6) with a note regarding dress regulations and a brief programme of Swearing-in-Ceremony and the State Procession and the Parade. The dress regulations will be as here-to-fore for Durbars at the ~~Sagge.~~ Sagge

b. AFTERNOON:

(d) State Drive, Unfurling of Flag & Parade.

i) Subject to confirmation by the Palace authorities, it was suggested that the timings of the procession should be as follows:-

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| (4 P.M.) | 3.15 P.M. | Procession leaves Palace |
| (4.45 P.M.) | 4.15 P.M. | Arrival at Government House |
| (4.45 P.M. to 5.45 P.M.) | 4.15 P.M. to 4.45 P.M. | Unfurling of Flag<br>Parade of troops etc.<br>Military Band to be in attendance. |
| (5.45 P.M) | 5.30 P.M. | H.H. returns to the Palace. |

ii) On the basis of the above timings, it was suggested that it would be appropriate to have the Garden Party instead of a Banquet at 6.00 p.m. at Chamundi Gymkhana. Invitations to issue by Private Secretary to His Highness; arrangements also to be made by him. Palace String Band will be in attendance.

iii) It was emphasised that the timings of the procession should be strictly adhered to and that no stoppages should be permitted en route for presentation of flowers etc.

iv) The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops offered to make arrangements, as usual, to detail troops required for the parade in Mysore including one squadron of Cavalry and one Company of Infantry from Bangalore, leaving the rest to participate in the parade to be held at Bangalore on themorning of 26th January 1950. Including 2 Companies of III Infantry, 2 Compamies of His Highness the Maharaja's Own Infantry; One Squadron of His Highness the Maharaja's Body-Guards; One Squadeon of Mysore Horse, the Jillo Forces, a Company of the National Cadet Corps, a Company of the Provincial Reserve Police, it was expected that about 1,000 men would be participating in the Parade.

v) It was suggested that Boy Scouts, Home Guards, Seva Dal men and other similar organisations who wish to participate in the Celebrations may be requested to line up the routes of the procession. The respective authorities will be written to:

vi) To save time and to economise labour, it was suggested that the invitations for the Swearing-in-Ceremony, the Parade, and the Garden Party, with notes of instructions regarding dress, traffic arrangements, etc., may all be sent out together in one envelope from the Palace Office, together with the Car passes.

vii) It was stressed that seating arrangements should be made for invitees only at Government House for witnessing the parade. It was suggested that, as the usual pavilion would be inadequate, 4 or 5 shamianas may be put up with benches and chairs.

III. PROGRAMME AT BANGALORE ON 26-1-1950:

1. As regards the programme of Celebrations on 26th January 1950 at Bangalore City, Col. Lumba explained that Sub Area would make arrangements for holding a parade of all the troops in the Station at Race Course and that they would take all suitable action in consultation with the local authorities. The parade would be open to the public. The salute would be taken by the Senior Military Officer present.

2. It was explained that the unfurling of the National Flag could not be combined with the parade and the former be held separately by the Mayor.

IV. PROGRAMME AT OTHER PLACES ON 26-1-1950:

1. It was resolved that the programme of Celebrations at other places should be confined to that already indicated as noted below:

(a) Procession with flags etc.
(b) Unfurling of the National Flag
(c) Poojas
(d) Sports.
(e) Public meetings.

2. It was suggested that Deputy Commissioners of Districts should be requested to form local committees for carrying out the programme and that it was within their discretion to make variations of the above mentioned programme to suit local conditions.

V. PROGRAMME AT BANGALORE ON 27-1-1950:

It was confirmed that the Garden Party should be held at Bangalore Palace on the 27th January 1950 and that the arrangements for the same would be made, as usual, by the Palace authorities.

VI. MILITARY & POLICE ARRANGEMENTS:

1. The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops and the Inspector-General of Police were requested to make military and Police arrangements as usual.

2. The Inspector-General of Police was also requested to lay down traffic regulations and to make arrangements for issue of car passes to invitees etc., in consultation with the District Magistrate. Car Passes to be enclosed to invitations issued under para 11 above.

VII. GENERAL:

It was resolved that instructions may be sent out immediately to all the concerned officers and that arrangements be made to publicise the programme.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT AT THE OLD INDIAN GUESTS QUARTERS, MYSORE ON THE 4TH JANUARY 1950 AT 3.30 P.M.

Present: 1) Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
2) President, Mysore City Municipal Council (Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District),
3) Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City
4) Principal Information Officer.

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The general outline of the programme sketched out & the tentative conclusions arrived at were explained.

It was explained that the principal object of the meeting was to consider the programme of celebrations to be followed in Mysore City on 26.1.50 and 27.1.50.

In the absence of the President and Secretary of the Mysore City Congress Committee, Sri B.Narayanaswamy, Director, Akashvani, was requested to be present by special invitation.

After discussion, it was resolved that it would not be appropriate to have any function in the City on the 26th Jan. 1950 before the Swearing-in-Ceremony at the Palace, except sports for school children, & ~~processions~~ processions.

It was suggested that subject to availability of funds and without utilising extra rations, the Municipal Council may arrange for poor feeding, distribution of sweets to school children etc.

As the best way of co-ordinating all efforts and of drawing up a suitable programme of Celebration for the 27th January 1950, it was suggested that the President, Mysore City Municipal Council, the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Mysore, the Municipal Commissioner, the Principals of Colleges in the City, the District Educational Officer, Mysore, may form themselves into a Sub-Committee with power to co-apt other members representing all interests, and formulate a suitable programme.

It was suggested that instructions may be issued to Educational authorities to arrange for sports among school children, ~~provided funds were available.~~

Sri B.Narayanaswamy suggested that the pro-

gramme of the Swearing-in-Ceremony at the Palace on the 26th January 1950 may be relayed by Akashvani with a running commentry in Kannada. He was requested to make a formal reference to Government in the matter.

4-1-50

CHAIRMAN.

4.1.50.

# GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 6981-86/CB

General and Revenue Secretariat,

*Dated, Bangalore. 3rd January .....1950.*

FROM

*The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

TO

1. The Mayor, B'lore City Corporation;
2. The Deputy Commissioner, B'lore District (Urban);
3. The Deputy Commissioner, B'lore District (Rural);
4. The Deputy Inspector-General of Police, B'lore City: and the Commissioner of Police, Civil Station, Bangalore.
5. The President, B'lore District Congress Committee;
6. The President, B'lore City Congress Committee, B'lore City.

SIR,

**Subject:- Inauguration of the Indian Republic -- Programme of Celebrations in Bangalore City on 26-1-1950.**

In connection with the finalisation of the above mentioned Programme, I am directed to request you kindly to attend a meeting in my Chambers at the Old Public Offices on Thursday the 5th January 1950 at 4 P.M. and to favour the Government with your valuable suggestions in carrying out the same.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Yours faithfully,

3/1/50

Chief Secretary to Government.

Issued letter No 6981-86/CB dated 3/1/50 to
1) The Mayor Bangalore City Corpn
2) D.C. Bang — (Urban)
3) D.C. Bang (Rural)
4 & 5) The President, B'lore District & B'lore City Congress Committee

Dft. of this letter as instructed for approval. Chief Secy) 3.1.50.

Issued 3/1/50

1) Poor feeding
2 days of week.

To be original

2) Leaders of Political Organisations
R.D. & R.C. lists.

3) Press release

4) Lighting. Old Tower
Office.
Mayo Hall
Municipal
Office.

Letters { - Mgr. SK
- Chamber of Commerce

5) Ditto —

6) Circular about Town
Tasks of Mayor

7) Air rights, one from each
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| ✓ | | 7. ✓ Letters to D.Cs. re. Depd. Classes Reports |
| | | 8. ✓ Repr. of Political organisns. |
| | | 9. ✓ Telegram to G.O.C. - a) Instrs. Swearing |
| | | b) Hari's — |
| | | c) Durbar proc. by |
| | | 10. ✓ Letters to Congress Secy. |
| | | 11. Finances: a) S.D.O. b) T.A. D.A. &c. c) Munis &c. d) Troops + Police. e) Tea. |
| | | 12. ✓ Note for orders re. Munis. |
| | | 13. Boy Scouts? |
| | | 14. ✓ Letter to Race Course authorities. |
| | | 15. ✓ Time for starting of Procn. |
| | | 16. ✓ Instrs to be issued for a) Swearing in Ceremony |
| | | b) Parade. |
| | | c) Tea at Flys. & B'Cks. |
| | | 17. ✓ List of Invitees. To be ready by 12.1.50. |
| | | Invites to issue by from 15-1.50 to 20.1.50. |
| | | 18. ✓ Form of invites — by 9.1.50. |
| | | 19. ✓ Release of mgm. to Press |
| | | ✓20. Issue by Nottn. re: Holidays. |
| | | Under the Negotiable Instruments Act — holidays with pay to Industrial Workers. |

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.